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SUBJECT: CSCE COMMISSION REPORT

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1. SEVERAL INSTANCES OF LESS THAN FULL COMPLIANCE WITH
FINAL ACT ON PART OF WESTERN COUNTRIES ARE MENTIONED IN
COMMISSION REPORT. WITH REGARD TO WEST EUROPEAN
COUNTRIES CRITICISMS ARE MINOR AND, TO OUR KNOWLEDGE, NONE
RELATE DIRECTLY TO WEST GERMAN PERFORMANCE.

2. RE EAST GERMANY, REPORT CHRONICLES PROGRESS OF GDR
DISSIDENCE AND EMIGRATION OVER PAST SEVERAL YEARS AND
NOTES POSSIBLE INFLUENCE OF FINAL ACT ON THOSE WHO SEEK
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TO EMIGRATE. ALTHOUGH REPORT STATES THAT BERLIN WALL
IS SYMBOLIC OF HARDLINE GDR ATTITUDE ON HUMAN CONTACTS,
GDR ACTIONS IN AND AROUND BERLIN ARE NOT MENTIONED.
AS WITH OTHER WARSAW PACT STATES, REPORT COMES DOWN
RELATIVELY HARD ON GDR FOR NOT COMPLYING FULLY WITH FINAL
ACT COMMITMENTS.

3. IN RESPONDING TO QUESTIONS POSED BY BAUCH, EMBASSY SHOULD NOTE, IN ADDITION, THAT REPORT CONTAINS PASSAGES REFERRING TO EMIGRATION BY ETHNIC GERMANS IN EASTERN

EUROPE AND THE USSR.

4. IN PASSING INFO CONTAINED PARAS 1 THRU 3 TO FONOFF WORKING LEVEL. EMBASSY SHOULD STRESS THAT COMMISSION REPORT IS LENGTHY DOCUMENT OF MORE THAN 200 PAGES AND THAT OUR COMMENTS ON IT ARE NECESSARILY BROAD. FYI: ALTHOUGH WE SEE VALUE IN RESPONDING TO FRG FONOFF QUESTIONS IN THIS INSTANCE, WE WISH TO AVOID SPECIFIC COMMENTS ON OR INTERPRETATIONS OF REFERENCES IN REPORT TO SPECIFIC COUNTRIES. DEPARTMENT GUIDANCE RE REPORT IS GIVEN IN PARAS 3 AND 4 OF REF B; WHICH NOTES THAT US VIEWS WILL BE EXPRESSED AT BELGRADE FOLLOW-UP CONFERENCE THIS FALL. END FYI.

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